## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masato FUJIOKA et al.

Title: THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FOR

INNER EAR DISORDERS CONTAINING AN IL-6

ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE

**INGREDIENT** 

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 12, 2007, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group II, Claims 16-45, for examination, without traverse.

Applicant also hereby provisionally elects "Meniere's disease" in response to the Examiner's species election requirement, for examination, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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